

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00008-CKK**

MIDDLE EAST FORUM v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TREASURY

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/02/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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| 01/02/2019 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT <i>Middle East Forum</i> against US Department of the Treasury ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5866075) filed by MIDDLE EAST FORUM.(Smith, Clifford) (Additional attachment(s) added on 1/3/2019: # <u>1</u> Complaint, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons) (zef, ). (Entered: 01/02/2019)   |
| 01/03/2019 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zsb) (Entered: 01/03/2019)   |
| 01/03/2019 | <u>2</u> | SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 01/03/2019)  |
| 01/07/2019 | <u>3</u> | ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 1/7/2019.(DM) (Entered: 01/07/2019)  |
| 02/20/2019 | <u>4</u> | MOTION to Issue Summons by MIDDLE EAST FORUM (Smith, Clifford) . (Entered: 02/20/2019)   |
| 02/20/2019 | <u>5</u> | MOTION to Issue Summons by MIDDLE EAST FORUM (Smith, Clifford) . (Entered: 02/20/2019)   |
| 02/26/2019 | <u>6</u> | SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 02/26/2019)   |
| 04/03/2019 | <u>7</u> | RULE 4(m) ORDER. By no later than <b>APRIL 8, 2019</b> , Plaintiff must either cause process to be served upon Defendant and proof of service to be filed with the Court or establish good cause for the failure to do so. Failure to make such filings will result in dismissal of this case. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 3, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 04/03/2019) |

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| 04/03/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Time to effectuate service upon party due by 4/8/2019. (dot) (Entered: 04/03/2019)   |
| 04/04/2019 | <u>8</u>  | ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .AFFIDAVIT by MIDDLE EAST FORUM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of delivery)(Smith, Clifford) Modified on 4/4/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 04/04/2019)   |
| 04/04/2019 | <u>9</u>  | ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .AFFIDAVIT by MIDDLE EAST FORUM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of delivery)(Smith, Clifford) Modified on 4/4/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 04/04/2019)   |
| 04/04/2019 | <u>10</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .AFFIDAVIT by MIDDLE EAST FORUM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of delivery)(Smith, Clifford) Modified on 4/4/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 04/04/2019)   |
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| 04/04/2019 | <u>11</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 04/04/2019)   |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>12</u> | ORDER. The parties shall file the schedule not later than <b>MAY 8, 2019</b> . See Order for further details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 8, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 04/08/2019)   |
| 04/08/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 5/8/2019. (dot) (Entered: 04/08/2019)   |
| 05/08/2019 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT <i>filed on behalf of all parties</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Abbuhl, Joshua) (Entered: 05/08/2019)  |
| 05/09/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates, among other things, that Defendant's search and review are ongoing. Although Plaintiff is "dissatisfied" with Defendant's proposed processing schedule of 250 pages per month, Plaintiff is not challenging that schedule at this time. The Court shall adopt the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report on <b>AUGUST 1, 2019. The parties shall file a further Joint Status Report every ninety days thereafter, unless and until the Court orders otherwise. The parties shall also file a Joint Status Report within thirty days of Defendant's final production, unless the Court orders otherwise.</b> The parties' Joint Status Reports shall identify the status of Defendant's search, review, and production, and shall propose a briefing schedule, if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 9, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/09/2019) |
| 05/09/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/1/2019. The parties' Joint Status Reports shall identify the status of Defendant's search, review, and production, and shall propose a briefing schedule, if necessary. (dot) (Entered: 05/10/2019)   |